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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I represent a rural part of Minnesota, just outside of Rochester Minnesota, home to the world renowned Mayo Clinic. I am proud of all that Mayo, and our part of the state have stood for and accomplished over the years. But even more so, I am excited about all that is next.

One of my goals as a state legislator is to create a business environment in Minnesota that fosters job growth, innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit represented by the farmers in my district, and the health care innovations that define Mayo.

The next step, as everyone agrees, is to mobilize the tools we use, whether in agriculture, health care, or any number of other key sectors. In order to do that, we need to attract investment in the best possible broadband infrastructure.

One component of this infrastructure for us here in rural Minnesota is the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. I envision a time when telemedicine is accessible via a tablet or smart phone, and doctors can start a diagnosis while a patient is still on their way to the hospital. And I envision a time when our farmers and rural small business owners have access to wireless apps that make their businesses more efficient and help them to employ more people right here at home.

As a State Legislator, one of my jobs in representing my district is to be an advocate and a champion for investment and policies which allow for investment. I am asking that the FCC consider the critical needs to rural areas like ours. I am asking that the FCC look at the innovation that takes place here and the possibilities of what is next. Please help foster these opportunities by approving the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

Thank you in advance for doing what is right for rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duane Quam".

Representative Duane Quam  
House District 29A

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